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Jersey City Incinerator Authority Deployed 72 Crews to Respond to Snow Emergency Approximately 2,500 Tons of Salt Utilized in Street Clearing Effort

JERSEY CITY – In response to what many are calling the season’s worst storm, the City of Jersey City proved once again it was ready to handle what Mother Nature delivered.

“We coordinate our winter storm emergency preparedness each year in the fall through our Office of Emergency Management and map out the best way to respond to a storm,” said **Mayor Healy**. “Each year we look back at the prior year in an attempt to improve what is already an excellent operation.”

The Mayor explained that clearing the streets of snow and ice is the job of the Jersey City Incinerator Authority, headed by CEO Oren Dabney.

According to Dabney, the Incinerator Authority deployed 72 “snow fighters” – crews that manned the agency’s plows and salt spreaders and were called in at 7 p.m. Sunday. The crews worked through the night, having many of the city’s 23 main routes and 45 secondary roads cleared by the afternoon. Approximately 2,500 tons of salt was used.

All of the city streets were cleared by 2 p.m., but the JCIA is keeping a skeleton crew on until midnight to handle areas where the snow might have drifted.

“We are asking that residents do not shovel snow back into the street as this not only creates more work for the Incinerator Authority, but it also causes icy spots in the roadway which are dangerous,” said Mayor Healy.

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The Jersey City Office of Emergency Management was activated at 8 p.m. Sunday and was staffed by members of such agencies and departments as the Mayor's Office, the Incinerator Authority, the Parking Authority and the Jersey City Medical Center. OEM Coordinator Sgt. Greg Kierce said that his office was in constant communication with police, fire and Department of Public Works personnel.

"We monitored the situation throughout the night and when reports came in from the police department of slippery conditions, we passed that information along to the JCIA," Kierce said.

On Tuesday, the Incinerator Authority will deploy crews to shovel crosswalks, bus stops and other areas needing attention.

Street sweeping rules will be suspended Tuesday citywide, but trash and recycling will continue on a regular schedule.

For the city's snow shoveling and ice removal ordinances, please visit www.jerseycitynj.gov.

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